

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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SOUTH REGION ANIMAL SHELTER TO HOLD PET LICENSING & MICROCHIP CLINIC ON JUNE 11

Rabies Vaccinations and Spay/Neuter Coupons Will Also Be Available

The County Department of Animal Services will offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, dog licensing and microchipping at the South Region Animal shelter from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11. The shelter is located at 5821 Sweetwater Road, Bonita.

"Get the shot, get the license, get a microchip, and get a \$50 coupon for spaying or neutering your pet," said South Regional Director Lauren Joniaux. "The coupon is only good if you live in our service area of the unincorporated county or the cities that contract with us, which are San Diego, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and Santee."

With proof of a dog license, the department will also be microchipping dogs for a one-time fee of \$20, which includes the registration. There is no license requirement for cats.

A microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice which is injected under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet. The department scans all incoming stray animals for the presence of a microchip so staff can locate the owner's information through the microchip.

Also, owners that have never licensed their dog or have allowed their dog's annual license to lapse will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the clinic.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for \$5. Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years. For the protection of owner and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier for the clinic.

For more information, you may contact the Department at (619) 236-4250 or visit its Web site at www.sddac.com.

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